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I have the honour to attach hereto a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the so-called "visit" of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, to the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on so-called "visit" of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine

On 18 August 2017 the Russian delegation headed by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin began another "visit" to the Ukrainian city of Sevastopol temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation.

Ukraine considers this and other similar so-called "trips" of the Russian officials to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as flagrant violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, blatant and demonstrative neglect by the Russian side of universally recognized norms of the international law.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol are and remain an integral part of Ukraine in its internationally recognized borders. It is recognized by the whole civilized world that has already provided its proper assessment of internationally illegal actions of the Russian Federation including by imposing appropriate sanctions against this country.